



## STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: March 2, 2015

Agenda Item #: 9d

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Kevin Dempsey, Fire Chief

THUR: Susan Parker, Town Administrator

TITLE: Request to Amend NC General Statutes 20-171.23 and 20-171.24 to include the Town Sunset Beach

ATTACH: NCGS 20-171.23 & 20-171.24

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**Summary:** The General Statutes above allow for Law Enforcement and municipal employees to use all terrain vehicles on streets where the speed limit is 35 miles per hour or lower. This would allow for our beach patrol to respond to other emergencies on the island during the season if necessary.

**Background:** Currently we are not on the list with the other municipalities in North Carolina. The other Counties/Municipalities that utilize this rule include: Towns of Ansonville, Atlantic Beach, Burgaw, Carolina Beach, Cramerton, Dallas, Davidson, Duck, Emerald Isle, Franklin, Indian Beach, Kill Devil Hills, Kitty Hawk, Kure Beach, Lowell, Manteo, Murphy, Nags Head, North Topsail Beach, Oakboro, Ocean Isle Beach, Pine Knoll Shores, Stanley, Surf City, Sylva, Topsail Beach, Williamston, Wrightsville Beach, and Yanceyville, the Cities of Albemarle, Belmont, Cherryville, Gastonia, Hamlet, Kings Mountain, Mount Holly, and Rockingham and the Counties of Cleveland, Currituck, Gaston, Surry, and Wilkes only.

It gives us the ability to use low speed streets to respond and mitigate emergencies in the Town

**Recommendation:** Approval of a Resolution requesting the NC General Assembly to amend NCGS 20-171.24 (f) to include the Town of Sunset Beach.